

Today's News - March 8, 2004

Big plans for Toronto's waterfront to be unveiled. – A California "burb is "stuccoed whimsy at a grand scale" with "all the quirks and loose ends of a community trying hard to center itself." – Boxy, bland 'burbs biting the dust all over the place. – Just saying no to big box retailers. – The architect who "invented the shopping mall in order to make America more like Vienna...ended up making Vienna more like America." – A sculptor takes on the office building of the future. – Status of MIT's Stata Center: three years late, three times as expensive, and "only scattered areas wired with the futuristic technology promised by its wildly free-form architecture." – A Holocaust museum blends visual symbolism, architecture, and exhibitory. More sour grapes about WTC memorial design. – In Portland, one architect creates an ensemble of libraries. – A champion of ADA before there was ADA looks forward to her services being obsolete. – Firewise initiatives proving they may not be so wise. – Rousing profiles of three masters: an educator, a "classically obsessed traditionalist," and a modernist with spirit.

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